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CIRCULAR.

No. 2071 OF 1870.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 4th June 1870.

To

ALL HEADS OF OFFICES.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that Government have ruled that whenever occasion may arise for the institution of prosecutions for libel on statements made in petitions to Government or other superior authorities, the permission of Government or of the said superior authorities should be obtained before legal proceedings are taken on such petitions.

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CIRCULAR.

No. 3778 OF 1852.

FROM

A. MALET, Esq.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay;

To

THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Bombay Castle, 28th August 1852.

SIR,

The following extracts, paragraphs 26 and 27, of a Despatch from the Honourable Court bearing date the 23rd June 1852, No. 19, are forwarded for your information and for communication to all the subordinate officers in your Department, to whom it should be clearly intimated that Government will rigidly act up to the spirit of the instructions they contain:—

“ Paragraph 26.—The mal-practices which it has been our painful duty to notice among the subordinate functionaries in the Government offices at your Presidency, have been continued through so many years, and are of a character so injurious, both to the public interests and to the reputation of the British Government, that you ought not to shrink from the exercise of any severity which may be necessary for their entire suppression. Prosecution in a Criminal Court should be had recourse to when legal evidence can be obtained; in any case, all persons either directly or indirectly concerned in the corrupt receipt of money, or in divulging the secrets of Government, or in the clandestine communication of official documents, or being even cogni-